GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3451
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2008
BORDER DISPUTE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the border dispute between Assam and Meghalaya;

(b) if so,the details and claims made by both the States;

(c) whether the Government has received any report from both the Governments of Assam and Meghalaya in this regard;

(d) if so,the details and reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government proposes to conduct any fresh survey of the boundary by the Survey of India;

(f) if so,the time by which such survey is likely to be conducted; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to solve such dispute?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) & (b): There are some border disputes between the States of Assam and Meghalaya.In the recent months,Langpih area in Assam-Meghalaya.Border has attracted particular attention.

(c) & (d): As per reports, the Chief Ministers of Assam and Meghalaya along with their senior Cabinet colleagues, Chief Secretaries and other senior officials of two States held a meeting on 11.6.2008 to resolve the boundary problems between the two States through mutual discussions.Both the Chief Ministers agreed to set up a joint committee of officials headed by Chief Secretaries of two States and consisting of other official of two States,including representative from Survey of India,to examine the issues and recommend a permanent solution to the inter State Border problems.Meetings of the Committee are held regularly.Last meeting of the official committee was held on 20th November,2008.

(e) & (f): In view of to (c) to (d) above,does not arise.

(g): The Government has advised both the State Governments of Assam and Meghalaya to resolve the issue through mutual discussions from time to time.